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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

REF: (A) MTN GENEVA 1716, (B) EC BRUSSELS 993

1. IN REVIEW OF MARCH 3-4 MTN GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT SUBGROUP MEETING, DERISBOURG TOLD MISSION OFFICERAT EC WAS WORRIED ABOUT INDICATIONS THAT CANADA WANTS TO REWRITE SUBSTANTIAL PORTIONS OF OECD DRAFT CODE. DERISBOURG FELT THAT THE RESULT COULD BE A SPLIT BETWEEN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ON THE BASIS OF THE OECD DOCUMENT (LARGELY A US-EUROPEAN EFFORT, DERISBOURG SAID) ON THE ONE HAND, AND THE CANADIAN DOCUMENT ON THE OTHER HAND. THIS, HE SAID, WOULD LEAVE THE ROLE OF ARBITER TO LDCS.

2. DERISBOURG WAS PARTICULARLY DISTURBED OVER CANADIAN INTENTIONS TO PUT GATT ARTICLE I LANGUAGE INTO NON-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DISCRIMINATION PROVISIONS. HE INTERPRETED THIS AS PROVIDING AN OPEN MARKET IN WESTERN EUROPE FOR EASTERN EUROPEAN EXPORTS EVEN IF THOSE COUNTRIES ARE NOT SIGNATORIES.

3. DERISBOURG FEELS STRONGLY THAT WHEN THE CANADIAN PAPER IS AVAILABLE (CLARK HAS PROMISED HIM A COPY BY APRIL 10) OECD COUNTRIES SHOULD MEET IN THE TCWP. HE

SUGGESTED MAY 10, 11, 12, SINCE OECD HAS MEETING SAPCE AVAILABLE FOR THAT PERIOD. AGENDA SHOULD BE LIMITED TO TWO SUBJECTS: 1) CANADIAN PAPER, AND 2) EC PAPER ON TRANSPARENCY. DERISBOURG WAS RELUCTANT TO GO INTO DETAILS ON THE LATTER JUST NOW BECAUSE HE HAD NOT YET DICUSSED HIS IDEAS WITHIN COMMISSION OR WITH MEMBER STATES. HE PROMISED, HOWEVER, THAT WE WOULD HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO STUDY THE PAPER BEFORE A MEETING.

4. COMMENT: EC ATTEMPT TO KEEP DICUSSIONS GOING IN OECD WAS PREDICTABLE, BUT DERISOURG SEEMS GENUINELY PERPLEXED BY CANADIAN TACTICS AND OBVIOUSLY FEELS THIS IS AN ISSUE WHICH JUSTIFIES MEETING OF TCWP. WE ARE SKEPTICAL THAT THE DRAFT PAPER ON TRANSPARENCY REPRESENTS MUCH BEYOND WHAT WAS ALREADY DISCUSSED IN BILATERAL MEETING FEBRUARY 9 (REF B).HINTON

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